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## CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia from 1965-66 to October 1967 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

Period	Chickens, (i.e. Broilers Fryers, or Roasters)	Hens and Stags	Ducks and Drakes	Turkeys	Total
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)					
1965-66	2,716	197	52	20	2,985
1966-67	3,682	192	59	28	3,962
1966 - Sept. Qr	853	45	9	10	918
Dec. Qr	879	48	14	5	946
1967 - Mar. Qr	933	39	17	4	993
June Qr	1,018	60	19	8	1,105
Sept. Qr	1,041	66	5	6	1,119
August	347	17	2	2	368
September	382	27	1	1	411
October	297	39	2	1	338
LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb)					
1965-66	8,553	970	304	257	10,084
1966-67	12,011	984	336	397	13,727
1966 - Sept. Qr	2,738	229	50	158	3,177
Dec. Qr	2,892	248	75	68	3,283
1967 - Mar. Qr	3,025	191	97	60	3,373
June Qr	3,356	316	113	110	3,894
Sept. Qr	3,459	337	30	92	3,918
August	1,157	88	9	24	1,278
September	1,267	137	8	12	1,424
October	953	182	10	9	1,153
DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb) (b)					
1965-66	6,447	653	209	187	7,496
1966-67	9,167	667	235	295	10,363
1966 - Sept. Qr	2,072	157	37	120	2,385
Dec. Qr	2,215	169	53	51	2,488
1967 - Mar. Qr	2,259	132	67	46	2,504
June Qr	2,621	209	78	79	2,986
Sept. Qr	2,694	225	23	70	3,012
August	891	58	8	18	975
September	1,003	92	6	9	1,109
October	713	121	7	7	849

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (584 geese with live weight of 5,521 lb and dressed weight of 4,012 lb were slaughtered during 1966-67).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.



TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

Particulars	1965-66	1966-67	Quarter Ended					Aug. 1967	Sept. 1967	Oct. 1967
			Sept. 1966	Dec. 1966	Mar. 1967	June 1967	Sept. 1967			
	'000									
Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch -										
Meat strains	5,089	6,215	1,460	1,501	1,575	1,678	1,799	650	624	603
Egg strains	4,464	5,352	2,842	671	514	1,326	2,610	1,011	666	361
Total eggs	9,553	11,567	4,302	2,172	2,089	3,004	4,409	1,661	1,290	965
Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for -										
Chicken meat -										
Meat strains - unsexed	3,501	4,383	1,063	1,066	1,057	1,197	1,233	405	472	386
Egg strains(b) - crossbred and other cockerels	274	230	102	71	27	31	68	26	26	21
Egg production -										
Egg strains (b) - pullets	1,525	1,925	1,015	384	149	377	1,009	353	367	189
Breeding -										
Egg strains - pullets	70	89	59	9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11	n.a.	n.a.
cockerels	8	13	7	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1	n.a.	n.a.
Total chicks (c)	5,378	6,642	2,246	1,533	(d)1,233	(d)1,605	(d)2,311	796	(d)865	(d)596

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 15,400 for October 1967.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

(d) Excludes egg strain chicks for breeding purposes, where figures are not available for publication.

n.a. Not available for publication.

- Nil or less than half the final digit.

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